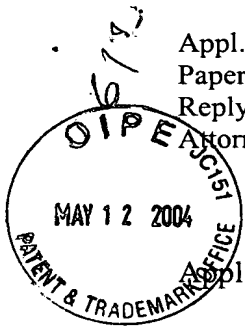


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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b), a check in the amount of \$1,280.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the cost of filing the Notice of Appeal (\$330.00) and a three-month extension of time (\$950.00). The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Notice of Appeal are enclosed.

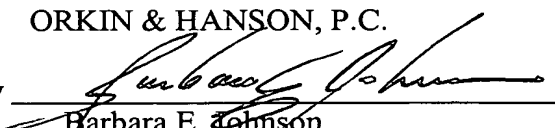
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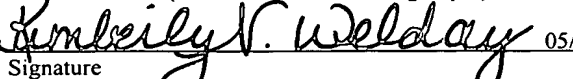
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